

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have lodged concerns about changes in FCC rule changes in recent months. Sinclair Broadcasting and their efforts to push partisan and misleading political attack films on the viewing public in the guise of public service is a disgusting abuse. This is why the recent changes in allowable ownership limitations should be reversed. In addition, if Sinclair goes forward with their plan to air this film, as a partial owner of the public airwaves, I urge you as our collective agent of ownership to immediately revoke all licenses for Sinclair Broadcasting stations!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.